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Governor's Roundtable to Focus on Improving Foster Care

A large number of young people who have been in foster care and the foster parents who helped care for them are expected to participate in Governor Dave Freudenthal's 4th Annual Governor's Roundtable on Wyoming Children and Families planned for June 27-29 in Cheyenne.

"Improving Foster Care: Through the Eyes of a Child" is the theme of this year's event, which will be held at the Little America Hotel.

"Young people who have spent time in the foster care system have stories to tell and ideas we need to hear about," Freudenthal said. "I want this roundtable to be a gathering of people from across Wyoming who want to do a better job on behalf of our state's children and families."

The conference schedule includes interactive sessions and a diverse lineup of speakers including Freudenthal, First Lady Nancy Freudenthal, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jim McBride, Wyoming Supreme Court Chief Justice William Hill and a number of national and regional foster care experts.

The roundtable is being coordinated and sponsored by the Wyoming Department of Family Services. Additional sponsors include Casey Family Programs, Frontier Correctional Services, Inc., Taco John's International, Inc., Wyoming State Advisory Council on Juvenile Justice, Pew Commission on Children in Foster Care, Wyoming Supreme Court, Wyoming Department of Health, Children's Justice Project, Wyoming Council for the Humanities and the Wyoming Department of Education.

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